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Business Bulletin

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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Father Krzysztof Garwolinski, Parish Priest of St Patrick's Shieldmuir and St Thomas' Wishaw

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Planning for Winter 2023-24 and Ongoing Resilience Across Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Transvaginal Mesh

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Committee Announcement: Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee inquiry into the human rights of asylum seekers in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-10526 Collette Stevenson: Challenge Poverty Week 2023

Committee Meetings

9:15am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

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9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

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10:30am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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- 1. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the impact of Storm Babet on communities in Aberdeenshire, Angus, Tayside and Perthshire. ([S6T-01591](#))
- 2. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the statement issued by COSLA that the handling of the recent announcement about the council tax freeze undermined the spirit and the letter of the Verity House Agreement. ([S6T-01598](#))
- 3. Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the recently announced Centre of Teaching Excellence. ([S6T-01590](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Planning for Winter 2023-24 and Ongoing Resilience Across Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Transvaginal Mesh

[S6M-10915 Jenni Minto: Transvaginal Mesh](#)—That the Parliament welcomes the report of the independent Transvaginal Mesh Case Record Review; acknowledges the severe and painful complications endured by women after the implantation of transvaginal mesh and regrets that their trauma may have been exacerbated by initial service responses that doubted their lived experiences; notes the continuing improvement in support, informed by the views of affected women, offered by the specialist mesh surgical service at the New Victoria Hospital in Glasgow in particular and NHS Scotland in general, in ways well aligned with the recommendations of Professor Britton's review; further notes the Chief Medical Officer's request of NHS boards to sustain good practice in the seeking and recording of patients' informed consent and to be assured locally that affected women are able to access the national mesh removal referral pathway, and supports the Scottish Government's continuing commitment to offering women a choice of surgeon, if mesh removal surgery is considered appropriate, and to reimbursing women who had previously arranged qualifying mesh removal surgery privately.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-10915.1 Tess White: Transvaginal Mesh](#)—As an amendment to motion [S6M-10915](#) in the name of Jenni Minto (Transvaginal Mesh), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "recognises that waiting times for mesh-injured women accessing the specialist mesh surgical service are significant and that urgent action is required by the Scottish Government and NHS National Services Scotland to reduce long waits; notes with concern that affected women must be seen by a local urogynaecologist within their NHS board before being referred to specialist services and that a GP referral is not available; further notes that the referral pathway is lengthy and complex, especially relating to independent providers and post-operative care; urges the

Scottish Government to implement the full recommendations of Professor Britton's review to improve the support and outcomes available for women affected by surgical mesh, including the implementation of a new register for patients; requires the Scottish Government to report back to the Scottish Parliament on progress towards the implementation of the review's recommendations, including on how the management of women's healthcare and the communication of treatment implications are being addressed by NHS boards; seeks assurances that there will be a patient role in shaping how services supporting mesh-injured women are provided, and calls for clarity around the reimbursement arrangements for women who have arranged qualifying mesh removal surgery privately."

[S6M-10915.2 Jackie Baillie: Transvaginal Mesh](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-10915 in the name of Jenni Minto (Transvaginal Mesh), insert at end “; is concerned by the long waits for a first appointment at the Complex Mesh Surgical Service, whilst some women have reported a lack of clarity around accessing the full range of support available for mesh-related injuries; regrets that not all of the recommendations of the reviews by Professor Britton have been implemented; agrees that a realistic medicine approach is essential going forward, where patients are empowered and supported to be in control of their healthcare, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out how it will eradicate long waits for appointments and ensure that women affected by transvaginal mesh are informed and able to easily access the range of support available, which should be person-centred and trauma-informed ongoing care, and to publish both a strategy for increased surgical training and capacity building in alternative procedures to mesh, and data on waiting times for alternative procedures.”

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill - UK Legislation

[S6M-10916 Shona Robison: Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill - UK Legislation](#)—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in Part 3 – Chapter 1, Part 6, Part 12 and Schedules 14-15 and 25 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 11 May 2022 and subsequently amended, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

followed by Committee Announcement: Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee inquiry into the human rights of asylum seekers in Scotland

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5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

S6M-10526 Collette Stevenson: Challenge Poverty Week 2023—That the Parliament recognises Challenge Poverty Week 2023, which is coordinated by the Poverty Alliance, Scotland's anti-poverty network, and which runs from 2 to 8 October; notes that activities, events and actions will take place across Scotland to highlight the realities of, and solutions to, poverty, as well as increasing public support for tackling poverty; understands that the week emphasises the importance of a number of key policy asks, to help to unlock people from the grip of poverty, including the role of communities, access to food and adequate incomes; believes that over one million people in Scotland, including 250,000 children, are living in the grip of poverty and that the ongoing cost of living crisis continues to pull even more into hardship; notes the view that governments, politicians, civil society and communities all have a role to play in solving poverty; understands that particular groups of people, including low-paid women, lone parents, disabled people and people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds are disproportionately experiencing poverty; notes the view that poverty in Scotland can be solved by utilising all levers to boost incomes and reduce the impact of the cost of living crisis; further notes the view that people in Scotland support action to end poverty and believe in compassion and social justice; celebrates the work undertaken by organisations and communities across Scotland to stem what it sees as the rising tide of poverty, and notes the view that people across Scotland, including all MSPs, should attend and support events and activities in their areas to mark Challenge Poverty Week 2023.

Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 30th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 to 8 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 from—
Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Tom Ferris, Chief Dental Officer, Ailsa Garland, Principal Legal Officer, and Tim McDonnell, Director of Primary Care, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[National Health Service \(General Dental Services\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#)
[Health and Care Professions Council \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Rules Order of Council 2023](#)
4. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Eddie Follan, Chief Officer, Health and Social Care, COSLA;
Eddie Fraser, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council, SOLACE Scotland;
Professor Soumen Sengupta, Director of Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership, Health and Social Care Scotland Chief Officers.
5. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.
6. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2024-25:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care.
7. **Vaping:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny.
8. **Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 29th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Jim Fairlie will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
3. **MV Glen Sannox (Hull 801) and MV Glen Rosa (Hull 802):** The Committee will take evidence from—
Andrew Miller, Chairman, and David Tydeman, Chief Executive Officer, Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Ltd.
4. **Documents subject to Parliamentary control:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Scotland's Guiding Principles on the Environment](#) (SG 2023/162)
5. **Environmental governance:** The Committee will consider the responses it received from stakeholders regarding their views on Scotland's Guiding Principles on the Environment:

Statutory Guidance (SG 2023/162) and the Scottish Government's recent report on the Effectiveness of Environmental Governance Arrangements.

6. **MV Glen Sannox (Hull 801) and MV Glen Rosa (Hull 802):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
7. **Climate change and net zero:** The Committee will consider whether to seek approval for the appointment of an adviser on climate change and net zero issues.
8. **Environmental regulation (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its meeting on 3 October 2023 under agenda item 4.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 28th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
 - [Parking Prohibitions \(Enforcement and Accounts\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/Draft)
 - [Social Security \(Residence and Presence Requirements\) \(Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Lebanon\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
 - [Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/268)
 - [Title Conditions \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Conservation Bodies and Rural Housing Bodies\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Order 2023](#) (SSI 2023/278)
 - [National Health Service \(General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/281)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
 - [Act of Adjournal \(Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment\)\(Witness Citations in Solemn Proceedings\) 2023](#) (SSI 2023/276)
5. **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Esther Robertson, Author of Fit for the Future, Report of the Independent Review of Legal Services Regulation in Scotland;
and then from—
Rachel Wood, Executive Director of Regulation, The Law Society of Scotland;
Morag Ross KC, Faculty of Advocates.
6. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
8. **Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Bill.
9. **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 5.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 26th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Charlie Devine, Service Manager - Waste Partnership, Dundee City Council;
Kirsty McGuire, Waste Manager, South Lanarkshire Council;
Jim Jack, Head of Operational Services, West Lothian Council.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 24th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Fiona Campbell, Chief Executive, Association of Scotland's Self-Caterers;
Stacey Dingwall, Head of Policy and External Affairs, Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses;
Ben Edgar-Spier, Head of Regulation and Policy, Sykes Cottages;
David Weston, Chair, Scottish Bed and Breakfast Association (SBBA);
Stephen Young, Head of Policy, Scottish Land and Estates;
and then from—
Sarah Allanson, Policy and Membership Director for Scotland and Northern Ireland, British Holiday and Home Parks Association;
Neil Ellis, Chair, Edinburgh Hotels Association;
Simon McGrath, Head of Communications and External Relations, The Camping and Caravanning Club;
Margo Paterson, Chief Executive, Hostelling Scotland;
Frank Whittaker, Chair, Aberdeen City & Shire Hotels Association (ACSHA).
3. **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider a draft letter on Pre-Budget Scrutiny.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 20th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25:** The Committee will take evidence from members of the Whole Family Equality Project.
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Emma Roddick, Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees, Rob Priestley, Head of Mainstreaming and Strategy Unit, Directorate of Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights, and Fi Robertson, Head of Scottish Budget Team, Directorate of Budget and Public Spending, Scottish Government.

4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda items 2 and 3.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 4 October 2023

Wednesday 25 October 2023

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-10793 Maggie Chapman: Climate Justice and Support for a Global Loss and Damage Fund

Thursday 26 October 2023

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-10188 Paul Sweeney: Free Bus Travel for People Seeking Asylum

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Embedding Public Participation in the Work of the Parliament

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 31 October 2023

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 November 2023

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 November 2023

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm>

Education, Children and Young People Committee

25 October 2023

26th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from:
Fiona McMullen, Operations Manager, ASSIST;
Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Women's Aid;
Kate Wallace, Chief Executive Officer, Victim Support Scotland;
and then from—
Stephen Bermingham, Head of Practice and Policy, Children's Hearings Scotland;
Jillian Gibson, Policy Manager, Children and Young People Team, and Joanna Anderson, Policy Manager, Local Government and Finance Team, COSLA;
Alistair Hogg, Head of Practice and Policy, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA);
Ben Farrugia, Director, Social Work Scotland.
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider a draft letter on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

25 October 2023

26th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Gillian Martin, Minister for Energy and the Environment, Stewart Forsyth, Animal Health and Welfare Policy Advisor, and Andrew Voas, Veterinary Head of Animal Welfare, Scottish Government.
3. **Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a Stage 1 approach paper.
4. **Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at emma.johnston@parliament.scot

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

25 October 2023

15th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
- 2. Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE1723: Essential tremor treatment in Scotland;
 - PE1871: Full review of mental health services;
 - PE1885: Make offering Community Shared Ownership mandatory for all windfarm development planning proposals;
 - PE1968: Restrict perpetrators of domestic abuse from using family court proceedings to continue tormenting their victims;
 - PE1981: Ensure perpetrators of domestic abuse, who have been excluded from the matrimonial home, cannot force the sale of the property; and
 - PE1990: Introduce a Scottish Parliament question session for young people.
- 3. Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE2035: Recognise legal control of generalist predators as a conservation act;
 - PE2037: Improving literacy standards in schools through research-informed reading instructions; and
 - PE2040: Increase funding to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to prevent serious cuts to the service provided to the public.
- 4. Written Submissions (in private):** The Committee will consider a review of policy on written submissions.
- 5. Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-2025:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.
- 6. Previous action information in petitions:** The Committee will consider its policy on publication of “previous action” information in petitions.
- 7. Inquiry into A9 Dualling Project:** The Committee will consider evidence heard to date, and its wider approach to this inquiry.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Andrew Mylne on 85951 or at Andrew.Mylne@scottish.parliament.uk

Criminal Justice Committee

25 October 2023

26th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on parts 1 to 3 of the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Jonathan Campbell, President, Edinburgh Bar Association;
Jamie Foulis, Committee Member and Treasurer, Family Law Association;
Stuart Munro, Convener of the Criminal Law Committee, The Law Society of Scotland.
2. **Access to court transcripts:** The Committee will consider correspondence received from the Scottish Government.
3. **Forensic pathology services:** The Committee will consider issues raised in HM Inspectorate of Prosecution's Annual Report for 2022-23 over the current model for the provision of forensic pathology services in Scotland.
4. **Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
5. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will further consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at Stephen.Imrie@scottish.parliament.uk

Economy and Fair Work Committee

25 October 2023

26th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 11:15 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Alan McIntosh, Approved Money Adviser, Advice Talks Ltd;
Joe McMonagle, Money Advice Training and Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Council;
Natalia Mendel, Money Advice Manager, Dalkeith & District Citizen's Advice Bureau.
3. **Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-2025 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.
5. **Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Shona Robison, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (LCM(S6)38).

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 85182 or at anne.peat@parliament.scot

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

26 October 2023

28th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at james.johnston@parliament.scot

Public Audit Committee

26 October 2023

26th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Scotland's colleges 2023:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Tricia Meldrum, Senior Manager, and Douglas Black, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **Scotland's colleges 2023:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Tricia Meldrum, Senior Manager, and Douglas Black, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Scotland's colleges 2023:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Lynn Russell at Lynn.Russell@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

26 October 2023

25th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Carer's Assistance \(Carer Support Payment\) \(Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#)
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Disability Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Oliver Wain, Policy Manager, Disability Benefits Policy, Social Security Directorate, and Madeleine Macphail, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice) to move—S6M-10409—That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Disability Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.
4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Claire Menzies on 85219 or at claire.menzies@parliament.scot

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

26 October 2023

17th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **‘A Parliament for All’: Report of the Parliament’s Gender Sensitive Audit** The Committee will take evidence from—
Sarah Childs, Professor of Gender and Politics, and Meryl Kenny, Professor of Gender and Politics, University of Edinburgh;
Susan Duffy, Group Head of Engagement and Communications, Scottish Parliament.
2. **‘A Parliament for All’: Report of the Parliament’s Gender Sensitive Audit** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
3. **Correspondence: Parliamentary Privilege** The Committee will consider correspondence it has received in relation to parliamentary privilege.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85176 or at catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Glusadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
Motions Glusadan				

Motions

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
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The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

Motions for Debate

***[S6M-10922](#) Daniel Johnson: Ensuring Scotland's Skills System is Fit for the Future**—That the Parliament notes the findings of the independent review of the skills delivery landscape, particularly that skills delivery has lacked clear leadership and direction, and substantial structural change is required to ensure that the skills system is fit for the future; regrets that Modern Apprenticeship starts are lower than in 2015-16 at a time when 70% of businesses are reporting skills shortages; is concerned that the proportion of people in employment who participated in job-related training is lower than it was in 2007; notes that net zero targets will require a step change in workforce skills but that the Scottish Government has only allocated 15% of its Just Transition Fund; considers that it is 21 months on from Audit Scotland's conclusion that urgent action was needed on skills from the Scottish Government and that it is therefore disappointing that no reforms are yet planned; believes that Scotland urgently needs a vision for a flexible and responsive skills delivery system that is fit for the future, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to set out its response to the review of the skills delivery landscape before the end of 2023 and to bring forward legislation on skills reform, as referenced in its Programme for Government, within the parliamentary year.

***[S6M-10917](#) Neil Bibby: Supporting Scotland's Culture Sector**—That the Parliament values greatly the enormous contribution of the arts and culture sector to Scotland's national life and economy, noting that the creative industry is estimated to be worth nearly £4.5 billion and 80,000 jobs; recognises what many in the sector have described as a "perfect storm" of crisis in the sector, resulting from years of underfunding as well as the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis; condemns the Scottish Government's decision to break its promise to the sector not to cut Creative Scotland's budget by 10%, and notes the furious reaction in response; notes the commitment from the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture that Creative Scotland's funding will be restored in 2024-25, but recognises with concern that Creative Scotland has stated that up to a third of its regularly funded organisations are at serious risk of insolvency in the short term, and over half are financially weak, which will require redundancies or other cost savings, and therefore considers that there is an urgent need for funding now; further notes the announcement made by the First Minister on 17 October 2023 to more than double arts and culture funding over the next five years, but believes that, in the current context, financial certainty for the sector is crucial; calls, therefore, on

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the Scottish Government to reverse the 10% budget cut to Creative Scotland with immediate effect; further calls on the Scottish Government to set out full details for its proposed increase in the arts and culture budget, including timescales for funding increases, and believes that it is essential that this is clarified ahead of the publication of a refreshed Scottish Government Culture Strategy.

***S6M-10916 Shona Robison: Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill - UK Legislation—**That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in Part 3 – Chapter 1, Part 6, Part 12 and Schedules 14-15 and 25 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 11 May 2022 and subsequently amended, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Supported by: George Adam*, Joe FitzPatrick*, Tom Arthur*

***S6M-10915 Jenni Minto: Transvaginal Mesh—**That the Parliament welcomes the report of the independent Transvaginal Mesh Case Record Review; acknowledges the severe and painful complications endured by women after the implantation of transvaginal mesh and regrets that their trauma may have been exacerbated by initial service responses that doubted their lived experiences; notes the continuing improvement in support, informed by the views of affected women, offered by the specialist mesh surgical service at the New Victoria Hospital in Glasgow in particular and NHS Scotland in general, in ways well aligned with the recommendations of Professor Britton's review; further notes the Chief Medical Officer's request of NHS boards to sustain good practice in the seeking and recording of patients' informed consent and to be assured locally that affected women are able to access the national mesh removal referral pathway, and supports the Scottish Government's continuing commitment to offering women a choice of surgeon, if mesh removal surgery is considered appropriate, and to reimbursing women who had previously arranged qualifying mesh removal surgery privately.

Supported by: Michael Matheson*, Maree Todd*

***S6M-10915.2 Jackie Baillie: Transvaginal Mesh—**As an amendment to motion S6M-10915 in the name of Jenni Minto (Transvaginal Mesh), insert at end “; is concerned by the long waits for a first appointment at the Complex Mesh Surgical Service, whilst some women have reported a lack of clarity around accessing the full range of support available for mesh-related injuries; regrets that not all of the recommendations of the reviews by Professor Britton have been implemented; agrees that a realistic medicine approach is essential going forward, where patients are empowered and supported to be in control of their healthcare, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out how it will eradicate long waits for appointments and ensure that women affected by transvaginal mesh are informed and able to easily access the range of support available, which should be person-centred and trauma-informed ongoing care, and to publish both a strategy for increased surgical training and capacity building in alternative procedures to mesh, and data on waiting times for alternative procedures.”

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***S6M-10915.1 Tess White: Transvaginal Mesh—**As an amendment to motion S6M-10915 in the name of Jenni Minto (Transvaginal Mesh), leave out from first “notes” to end and insert “recognises that waiting times for mesh-injured women accessing the specialist mesh surgical service are significant and that urgent action is required by the Scottish Government and NHS National Services Scotland to reduce long waits; notes with concern that affected women must be seen by a local urogynaecologist within their NHS board before being referred to specialist

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services and that a GP referral is not available; further notes that the referral pathway is lengthy and complex, especially relating to independent providers and post-operative care; urges the Scottish Government to implement the full recommendations of Professor Britton's review to improve the support and outcomes available for women affected by surgical mesh, including the implementation of a new register for patients; requires the Scottish Government to report back to the Scottish Parliament on progress towards the implementation of the review's recommendations, including on how the management of women's healthcare and the communication of treatment implications are being addressed by NHS boards; seeks assurances that there will be a patient role in shaping how services supporting mesh-injured women are provided, and calls for clarity around the reimbursement arrangements for women who have arranged qualifying mesh removal surgery privately."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-10923](#) Annie Wells: Hundreds to Perform in Concert to Raise Money for Alzheimer Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates the hundreds of singers who will take to the stage in Glasgow in November 2023 to raise what it sees as vital funds for Alzheimer Scotland; understands that Rock Choir members from the city centre and further afield will come together for an all-singing, all-dancing performance at Glasgow City Halls on 5 November, and believes that this special Rock Choir performance will bring joy, energy, passion, upbeat feel-good songs, and a night out that is guaranteed to make all attending feel uplifted while raising vital funds for Alzheimer Scotland.

***[S6M-10921](#) Finlay Carson: Diaego Launch Scotch Whisky Regenerative Agriculture Programme**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of a Scotch whisky regenerative agriculture programme in Scotland by Diaego; understands that the programme will be run for three years, will involve 20 farms across Scotland, and will focus on reducing carbon emissions from growing barley and wheat; welcomes the involvement of a number of Scotland-based research and consulting firms, including SAC Consulting, Scottish Agronomy, James Hutton Limited and Agricarbon; further welcomes the aims of the programme to develop good quality barley and wheat in Scotland in a way that ensures good quality crops, while also benefitting soil health, climate, water and nature; notes that Scotland's whisky industry exports were worth £6.2 billion in 2022; believes that it is vital that Scotland's agriculture industry is supported to innovate to strengthen food security and to meet its climate goals, and wishes all involved well.

***[S6M-10920](#) Lorna Slater: Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft]**—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.
Supported by: Richard Lochhead*, Gillian Martin*, Neil Gray*

***[S6M-10919](#) Beatrice Wishart: Lerwick RNLI Tows Danish Boat and her Three-man Crew to Safety in 18-hour Operation**—That the Parliament commends the crew of the Lerwick Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) lifeboat for rescuing the 17-metre Danish trawler, *Westbank*, and her three-man crew; understands that, on 19 October 2023, the RNLI lifeboat was tasked with assisting the *Westbank*, which had broken down and lost engine power 60 miles east of Shetland, and had started taking on water in stormy conditions; further understands that the RNLI Lerwick lifeboat took several hours to reach the trawler through difficult stormy and treacherous conditions caused by the south-easterly gale of Storm Babet, with the sea conditions described by coxswain Stephen Manson as "brutal"; notes that these weather

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conditions increased the challenges of the operation, with three attempts needed to get the RNLI lifeboat's tow line attached to the trawler; further notes and commends the assistance provided to the fishing vessel by an oil support vessel and a coastguard search and rescue helicopter from Norway; praises the courage and determination of the RNLI lifeboat crew, who returned to Lerwick harbour with the trawler under tow after an 18-hour rescue operation; commends coxswain Stephen Manson and the RNLI Lerwick lifeboat crew for their service and dedication to saving lives at sea, and wishes all at the Lerwick RNLI lifeboat station and the crew of the *Westbank* well.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Donald Cameron*, Liam McArthur*, Annabelle Ewing*

***[S6M-10914](#) Marie McNair: Asbestos Victims Support Group Forum's "Cape Must Pay" Campaign**—That the Parliament supports the Asbestos Victims Support Group Forum's national campaign, "Cape Must Pay"; acknowledges that the campaign demands that Cape Intermediate Holdings pays £10 million to fund medical research to find a cure for mesothelioma; notes that, according to the Asbestos Victims Support Group Forum, Cape Intermediate Holdings was one of the largest asbestos companies in the world, with products used widely across the country, mainly in construction, and is reported to have played a large part in increased asbestos diseases and mortality, including mesothelioma, across the UK; understands that the Supreme Court granted the Asbestos Victims Support Group Forum access to documents from Cape, which reportedly found that Cape had downplayed the fatal risks of working with its products and encouraged others to suppress this information; further understands that, despite recent discussions with representatives of the campaign, Cape has refused to meet the demands; notes with great sadness that Clydebank was once considered the asbestos capital of Europe due to the area's prolific shipbuilding industry and heavy industrial past, which is believed to have resulted in hundreds of asbestos-related deaths, and commends the Asbestos Victims Support Group Forum's hard work to achieve justice for victims, and the work of local groups such as Clydebank Asbestos Group for their continued campaigning on this issue.

Supported by: Emma Harper*, John Mason*, Kevin Stewart*, Stephanie Callaghan*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*

***[S6M-10913](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Lebanon) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Patrick Harvie*, Paul McLennan*, Emma Roddick*

***[S6M-10912](#) Maurice Golden: Recognising the Severe Impact of Storm Babet**—That the Parliament recognises the severe impact of Storm Babet on communities across Scotland and particularly those in the north east; understands that there is a multi-agency response in effect and commends the efforts of the emergency services, local authorities and utilities companies to preserve life, support residents and restore services; is concerned by reports of flooding across several areas of the country, including Aberdeenshire, Angus, Dundee and Perth and Kinross, and understands that many individual communities have been severely impacted, such as Brechin, Cyrus, Fettercairn, Marykirk, and Monifieth; understands that rest centres have been established to support evacuated households, and commends local communities that have contributed significant donations to help; further understands that SEPA has issued multiple flood warnings and is monitoring catchments across Scotland, and that there have been widespread impacts on infrastructure, transport and property, such as disruption caused to power supplies; recognises the efforts of utility companies to restore supplies, with Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) reportedly having reconnected more than 37,000 properties, although a number of

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properties still remain without power, and wishes all those aiding in support, rescue and repair efforts every success and safety.

***S6M-10911 Kevin Stewart: Gambling Harm**—That the Parliament notes that a study by GambleAware has recorded that only 17% of people in Scotland who experience any level of gambling harm are accessing support services; recognises that GambleAware is concerned about the low number of people seeking help and has published maps and data to address treatment and support needs; understands that the five local authority areas in Scotland with the highest estimated rates of gambling problems are Glasgow City, Dundee City, North Lanarkshire, Aberdeen City, and the City of Edinburgh; accepts that problem gambling can cause financial distress, homelessness, relationship breakdown and mental health problems; asks the Scottish Government to take cognisance of the report and to take action to improve data collection and support services; calls on the UK Government to introduce the gambling levy as soon as possible and to set the levy at much more than the proposed 1% fee on gross gambling yield for online gambling operators and 0.4% for betting shops and casinos, and believes that every penny raised from the levy should be used to resource tackling gambling addiction and funding treatment.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*, John Mason*, Rona Mackay*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, James Dornan*

***S6M-10909 Kevin Stewart: Award Winning Port of Aberdeen**—That the Parliament commends the Port of Aberdeen on winning the Sustainability Award at the 2023 British Ports Association Conference; recognises that the judges were impressed by the Port of Aberdeen's commitment to reducing emissions, which it believes is guided by an industry-leading net zero strategy; notes that the Port of Aberdeen has a commitment to become the UK's first net zero port by 2040, and congratulates everyone at Port of Aberdeen whose work has been recognised with this award.

Supported by: Emma Harper*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Audrey Nicoll*, Sue Webber*, Jeremy Balfour*, Ivan McKee*

***S6M-10908 Brian Whittle: Clydesdale Farmer Named Dairy Farmer of the Year**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that William Baillie of Hillhend Farm in South Lanarkshire has been named the *Farmers Weekly* 2023 Dairy Farmer of the Year; understands that the awards seek to celebrate British farming and recognise the achievements of farmers across the country; further understands that the Dairy Farmer of the Year award commends innovative technical skills, cost management, and seeking value where possible to create a profitable and sustainable dairy business in the face of challenging market conditions; notes that *Farmers Weekly* named Mr Baillie as dairy farmer of the year for his strong sense of direction in business, sound technical performance, and attention to cow welfare and profitable farming; further notes that Mr Baillie began with 50 cows in 1997, following traditional winter housing and summer set-stocking management, and currently has 400 cows fully housed with a diversified business that includes retailing, baking, and farm tours; commends Mr Baillie on his various technical improvements over the years that have included genomic testing and breeding selection for profitable lifetime index, fat and protein, management traits, and feed efficiency, as well as switching to compact feeding, which has yielded higher butterfats, and introducing zero-grazing alongside adding forage to the diet, which it believes has reduced ration costs and improved cow diets; congratulates Mr Baillie on his hard-earned award, and wishes him and all at Hillend Farm the best in their future endeavours.

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Supported by: Meghan Gallacher*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Kenneth Gibson*, Sue Webber*, Douglas Ross*, Pam Gosal*, Jamie Greene*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Colin Beattie*, Russell Findlay*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Kevin Stewart*, Jim Fairlie*, Jackson Carlaw*, Jeremy Balfour*, Donald Cameron* **R**, Liam Kerr*

***S6M-10850 Annie Wells: Glasgow Collie Crowned New Ambassador for Beatson Cancer Charity** —That the Parliament congratulates Chris Maitland, from Glasgow, on his rescue dog, Simba, being crowned the Beatson's Ambassador; understands that Beatson Cancer Charity supporters voted for the rescue dog, who has been rehomed five times in less than two years; notes that the Border Collie, who will be two years old in December 2023, was entered by his owner, Chris Maitland, after his mum was treated at The Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre; acknowledges that the Ambassador helps with a variety of duties, such as photoshoots and becoming the face of next year's Off the Beatson Track 10K walk; recognises that Simba takes the crown from Teddi, the black German Shepherd from Falkirk, who has served as the Ambassador since September 2022, and further recognises that Simba will now be the fourth dog to take up the role since the competition was introduced in 2020.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Pam Gosal*, Russell Findlay*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Sue Webber*, Douglas Ross*, Jamie Greene*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Jackson Carlaw*, Jeremy Balfour*, Donald Cameron*, Liam Kerr*

***S6M-10663 Fulton MacGregor: NLC Provost Award Success for Isobel Kelly**—That the Parliament congratulates Gartcosh resident, Isobel Kelly, on receiving the prestigious North Lanarkshire Council's Provost Community Volunteer Award 2023; understands that award recipients are determined by local people nominating individuals or groups who have committed to improve the lives of others; further understands that Isobel is an advocate for the improvement of not only her hometown of Gartcosh, but also of the surrounding villages; notes that she is involved in a range of local groups, which include Gartcosh Tenants and Residents Association and the Northern Corridor Community Board, which facilitates the engagement in all aspects of the community, from organising local events to providing guidance on local housing, health, education and many other issues, and thanks Isobel for her significant contribution to her local communities.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-10907 Marie McNair: Scottish Trades Union Congress St Andrew's Day Rally Against Racism and Fascism (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: David Torrance*, Rona Mackay*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Smyth*, Paul Sweeney*, John Mason*, Kevin Stewart*, Ivan McKee*, Maggie Chapman*

S6M-10906 Roz McCall: Dunfermline Gymnasts Join Team GB for Guttenberg Cup (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Meghan Gallacher*, Murdo Fraser*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Douglas Ross*, Edward Mountain*, Pam Gosal*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, David Torrance*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Kevin Stewart*, Sue Webber*, Jackson Carlaw*, Russell Findlay*, Jeremy Balfour*, Jamie Greene*, Donald Cameron*, Annie Wells*

S6M-10904 Evelyn Tweed: Ally Logan's Annual Charity Golf Day Raises Over £9,000 for Strathcarron Hospice (lodged on 20 October 2023)

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New Support: David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Annabelle Ewing*, Paul Sweeney*, Audrey Nicoll*, Edward Mountain*, Kevin Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sue Webber*

[S6M-10903](#) Rachael Hamilton: Farmers Weekly Arable Farmer of the Year 2023 (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Murdo Fraser*, Colin Smyth*, Paul Sweeney*, Annie Wells*, Jackson Carlaw*, Jeremy Balfour*, Sue Webber*, Donald Cameron* R, Roz McCall*

[S6M-10902](#) Paul Sweeney: Glasgow Institute for Neurological Sciences Nursing Team Wins International Recognition (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: David Torrance*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Alasdair Allan*, Foysoyl Choudhury*, Annie Wells*, Audrey Nicoll*, Edward Mountain*, Michelle Thomson*, Kevin Stewart*, Ivan McKee*

[S6M-10901](#) Martin Whitfield: East Lothian Council Gold Award Achievement for Services to the Armed Forces Community (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kevin Stewart*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-10900](#) Martin Whitfield: East Lothian Council Library Services Award Nominations (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kevin Stewart*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-10899](#) John Mason: White Poppies (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Ivan McKee*, Audrey Nicoll*, Michelle Thomson*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*

[S6M-10898](#) Jeremy Balfour: The Walk for Freedom 2023 (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Alexander Stewart*, Murdo Fraser*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Meghan Gallacher*, Kevin Stewart*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jamie Greene*, Rachael Hamilton*, Russell Findlay*, Tess White*, Douglas Ross*, Donald Cameron*, Annie Wells*, Pam Gosal*, Roz McCall*, Bill Kidd*, Liz Smith*, Kenneth Gibson*

[S6M-10897](#) John Mason: Littering Every Three Seconds (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-10896](#) Clare Haughey: 146th Anniversary of the Blantyre Pit Disaster (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*, Paul Sweeney*, Kevin Stewart*, Maggie Chapman*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S6M-10895](#) Tess White: 75th Anniversary of International Credit Union Day (lodged on 20 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*, Paul Sweeney*, Annie Wells*, Kevin Stewart* R, Russell Findlay*, Craig Hoy*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-10894](#) Kevin Stewart: Befriend a Child Giving Tree Appeal (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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[S6M-10893](#) Douglas Lumsden: Craig and Claire Grant Awarded Farmers Weekly 2023 Farmer of the Year (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Annie Wells*, Edward Mountain* R

[S6M-10892](#) Roz McCall: Dunfermline Charity Beer Festival (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Annie Wells*, Edward Mountain*

[S6M-10891](#) Roz McCall: West Fife Landmarks Light Up Red for Poppyscotland (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Annie Wells*

[S6M-10890](#) Pam Gosal: Desiree's Salon, Kirkintilloch, Wins Two Prestigious Industry Awards (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Annie Wells*

[S6M-10889](#) Paul O'Kane: Matt Drennan Becomes Honorary Citizen of Soroya, Norway (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sue Webber*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-10888](#) Kate Forbes: Iain Cormack Wins Gold Medal at Royal National Mòd 2023 (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-10887](#) Donald Cameron: Rockfield Community Hub in Oban Shortlisted for SURF Award (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Annie Wells*, Kevin Stewart*, Russell Findlay*, Jeremy Balfour*

[S6M-10886](#) Kevin Stewart: Project SEARCH Funding (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-10882](#) Ross Greer: Industrial Action at National World (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S6M-10881](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Family Shortlisted for British Farming Award (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Craig Hoy*

[S6M-10873](#) Michelle Thomson: Congratulating Oboist, Esther Kallow, on Gaining a Place in the National Youth Orchestra GB (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Edward Mountain*

[S6M-10871](#) Foysol Choudhury: Congratulating Scotland's National Men's Football Team on Qualifying for Euro 2024 (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, David Torrance*, Kevin Stewart*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Jeremy Balfour*, Annabelle Ewing*, Gordon MacDonald*, Liam McArthur*, Ivan McKee*, Ben Macpherson*, Bill Kidd*, Fulton MacGregor*, Kenneth Gibson*

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[S6M-10869](#) Alexander Burnett: Bennachie Ultra Marathon Success (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Annie Wells*, Kevin Stewart*, Russell Findlay*

[S6M-10868](#) Liam McArthur: Edrington Employees Raise £327,000 for Charity (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Beatrice Wishart*

[S6M-10865](#) Meghan Gallacher: Recovery Centre Receives Approval from Falkirk Council (lodged on 19 October 2023)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-10854](#) Finlay Carson: Stranraer Community Midwife, Lynn Young, Nominated for Top Health Award (lodged on 18 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10840](#) Sharon Dowey: Apprentice of the Year 2023 Named as Ayr's Charlie White (lodged on 16 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10837](#) Clare Haughey: Launch of New National HIV Anti-stigma Campaign (lodged on 16 October 2023)

New Support: Beatrice Wishart*

[S6M-10830](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr's Bronwyn Close Named Best in Scotland at the Volunteers for Museum Learning Awards (lodged on 13 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10822](#) Maggie Chapman: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (lodged on 12 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10821](#) Maggie Chapman: International Day of Rural Women (lodged on 12 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10820](#) Maggie Chapman: International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (lodged on 12 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10819](#) Jackie Baillie: Remembering Srebrenica Scotland (lodged on 12 October 2023)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane*

[S6M-10816](#) Michelle Thomson: Donation Gives Boost to Stenhousemuir Alzheimer Group (lodged on 11 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10808](#) Finlay Carson: Clare Taylor - Rural Rising Star (lodged on 10 October 2023)

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New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10806](#) Donald Cameron: Congratulating Robert MacIntyre and Team Europe on Winning the 2023 Ryder Cup (lodged on 10 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10803](#) Kevin Stewart: LGBT Health and Wellbeing Fit for Purpose Report (lodged on 10 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10802](#) Bill Kidd: World Menopause Day (lodged on 10 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10801](#) Roz McCall: Basic Care Standards in Palliative Care (lodged on 10 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10793](#) Maggie Chapman: Climate Justice and Support for a Global Loss and Damage Fund (lodged on 09 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*

[S6M-10788](#) Daniel Johnson: Increase in Youth Antisocial Behaviour (lodged on 09 October 2023)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

[S6M-10770](#) Craig Hoy: Thanking Leuchie House and My Name's Doddie Foundation for Supporting Respite Care (lodged on 05 October 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S6M-10769](#) Craig Hoy: Congratulations to Winton Brewery for Winning Three Icons of Beer Awards (lodged on 05 October 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S6M-10761](#) Alasdair Allan: Goathill Housing and Care Home Project Shortlisted for 2023 SURF Award (lodged on 05 October 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron* **R**

[S6M-10760](#) Liam McArthur: Kirkwall Lifeboat Coxswain Awarded with Service Medal (lodged on 05 October 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S6M-10759](#) Pauline McNeill: "Women and Workplace Struggles" and "Women and Scottish Railway History" (lodged on 05 October 2023)

New Support: Martin Whitfield*, Foysol Choudhury*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Richard Leonard* **R**

[S6M-10758](#) Roz McCall: Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2023 (lodged on 05 October 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

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[S6M-10756](#) Liam McArthur: Shapinsay Nominated for Prestigious Regeneration Awards
(lodged on 05 October 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S6M-10751](#) Alexander Stewart: Awards for Alloa Rotary Club (lodged on 04 October 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S6M-10750](#) Alexander Stewart: Renamed Scottish Autism Day Service Relocates to Alloa
(lodged on 05 October 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S6M-10748](#) Finlay Carson: Granny Mave Named Pride of Britain's Top Fundraiser (lodged on 04 October 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S6M-10747](#) Gordon MacDonald: Contribution of the Scottish Convenience Store Sector
(lodged on 04 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*, Ben Macpherson*

[S6M-10745](#) Alexander Burnett: Jackie Ross of Doric Books Wins Cultural Award (lodged on 04 October 2023)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S6M-10741](#) Mark Ruskell: State of Nature in Scotland 2023 Report (lodged on 04 October 2023)

New Support: Colin Smyth*, Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-10708](#) Maggie Chapman: ASH Scotland's 50th Anniversary Event in Dundee (lodged on 04 October 2023)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-10702](#) Clare Adamson: Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month (lodged on 03 October 2023)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

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Questions Ceistean				

Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 24 October 2023

- Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the impact of Storm Babet on communities in Aberdeenshire, Angus, Tayside and Perthshire. ([S6T-01591](#))
- Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the statement issued by COSLA that the handling of the recent announcement about the council tax freeze undermined the spirit and the letter of the Verity House Agreement. ([S6T-01598](#))
- Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the recently announced Centre of Teaching Excellence. ([S6T-01590](#))

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 26 October 2023

- Douglas Ross:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02447](#))
- Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02448](#))
- Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S6F-02458](#))
- Clare Haughey:** To ask the First Minister, in light of the launch of Scotland's new HIV anti-stigma campaign in partnership with the Terrence Higgins Trust, what action the Scottish Government is taking to eliminate new transmissions of HIV. ([S6F-02449](#))
- Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reported concerns that parents are having to give up their jobs due to childcare costs. ([S6F-02455](#))
- Jackie Baillie:** To ask the First Minister what steps are being taken to eradicate long waiting times for NHS treatment, in light of Public Health Scotland data showing that over 1,500 patients have waited more than three years. ([S6F-02459](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 01 November 2023

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 25 October 2023. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 26 October 2023.

Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

- Ivan McKee
- Alexander Burnett
- Daniel Johnson
- Kevin Stewart
- Douglas Lumsden
- Audrey Nicoll
- Rona Mackay
- Paul O'Kane

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Finance and Parliamentary Business

1. Fulton MacGregor
2. Michelle Thomson
3. Michael Marra
4. Mark Griffin
5. Bob Doris
6. Maurice Golden
7. Sue Webber
8. Neil Bibby

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 02 November 2023

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 25 October 2023. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 26 October 2023.

Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

1. Willie Rennie
2. Keith Brown
3. Emma Harper
4. Martin Whitfield
5. Clare Adamson
6. Sarah Boyack
7. Claire Baker
8. Brian Whittle

Members selected for General Questions on 02 November 2023

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 25 October 2023. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 26 October 2023.

1. Pauline McNeill
2. Alexander Stewart
3. Russell Findlay
4. Pam Duncan-Glancy
5. Colin Beattie
6. Christine Grahame
7. Mark Ruskell
8. Alex Rowley

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Written Questions

Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

Written questions lodged on 23 October 2023

[S6W-22265 Pam Gosal](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the decision to reinstate the £6.6 million reduction of the Creative Scotland budget.

[S6W-22340 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it can detail what discussions the (a) Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care and (b) Minister for Public Health and Women's Health has had with the Scottish Ambulance Service, since their appointment, regarding neonatal transport, and whether they have explicitly discussed extra funding for neonatal transport, in light of the Scottish Government's proposed reforms to neonatal care in Scotland.

[S6W-22341 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether every Deep End GP practice in Scotland has a community link worker.

[S6W-22345 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government with which organisations it has consulted regarding the development of a Green Industrial Strategy, as committed to in its Programme for Government 2023-24.

[S6W-22346 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide more information on how the First Minister's commitment to "invest up to £500 million to anchor a new offshore wind supply chain" will be delivered.

[S6W-22347 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a timeline for when it expects to deliver the First Minister's commitment to "invest up to £500 million to anchor a new offshore wind supply chain".

[S6W-22348 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it will engage with the renewable energy industry in the delivery of the First Minister's commitment to "invest up to £500 million to anchor a new offshore wind supply chain".

[S6W-22349 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will outline how the First Minister's commitment to "invest up to £500 million to anchor a new offshore wind supply chain" will be delivered in conjunction with the £500 million Just Transition Fund.

[S6W-22350 Liam McArthur](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the development of a Green Industrial Strategy, as committed to in its Programme for Government 2023-24.

[S6W-22351 Sharon Dowey](#): To ask the Scottish Government when the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill will be reintroduced to the Scottish Parliament at reconsideration stage.

[S6W-22352 Pam Duncan-Glancy](#): To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of pupils currently reach the expected standard in maths in (a) P1 and (b) P7.

[S6W-22353 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to (a) third sector, (b) private and (c) tertiary educational facilities to include provision for (i) Scots and (ii) Gaelic language materials.

[S6W-22354 Paul Sweeney](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will request that its trunk road maintenance contractor engages with Glasgow City Council to repair the feature lighting located beneath the M8 motorway bridges at Junction 16 Craighall Road.

[S6W-22358 Kevin Stewart](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-21542 by Jenni Minto on 3 October 2023, whether it plans to lobby the UK Government and the Gambling Commission to restrict the advertising of gambling in Scotland.

[S6W-22359 Kevin Stewart](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-21543 by Jenni Minto on 3 October 2023, what was discussed in its meeting with the

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Questions Ceistean				

Gambling Commission regarding the UK Government White Paper on Gambling on 21 September.

[S6W-22360](#) Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-21540 by Jenni Minto on 3 October 2023, when the "whole systems approach" being piloted by Public Health Scotland in Glasgow to mitigate the impact of gambling harm will (a) begin and (b) report back on its findings to the Scottish (i) Government and (ii) Parliament.

[S6W-22361](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made towards delivering the action set out in the National Strategy for Economic Transformation to "undertake and publish a review of how best to significantly increase the number of social enterprises, employee-owned businesses and cooperatives in Scotland, supporting regional regeneration and the wealth of local communities".

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New Subordinate Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to the Draft affirmative procedure

The following draft instrument was laid before Parliament on 23 October 2023 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Plant Health \(Fees\) \(Forestry\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#)

Laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Subject to the negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 23 October 2023 and is subject to the negative procedure—

[Non-Domestic Rating Contributions \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/288\)](#)

Laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the Trade Act 2021

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Progress of Legislation

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the Scottish Parliament website at:

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills>

For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 24 October 2023

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 25 October 2023

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 25 October 2023
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (45th Report, 2023)

Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (evidence (Education, Children and Young People Committee)), 25 October 2023
Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
[\(\[legislationteam@parliament.scot\]\(mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot\)\)](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 3 October 2023
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 October 2023

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Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 24 October 2023

Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (5th Report, 2023)

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 March 2021

Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

Following an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 made by the Secretary of State for Scotland, this Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its current form.

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 24 October 2023

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 26 September 2023

Report – Criminal Justice Committee (letter to lead committee, 10 February 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13th Report, 2023)

Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (11th Report, 2022)

Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill (G)

Passed, 27 September 2023

Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 20 September 2023

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 3 October 2023

Stage 1 (evidence (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)), 24 October 2023

Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 5 October 2023

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 14 November 2023

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 8 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Reconsideration Stage (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee), 26 September 2023

Motion to proceed with Reconsideration Stage agreed, 14 September 2023

Amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

(legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 25 October 2023

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Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 October 2023

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 24 October 2023

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 October 2023

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 25 October 2023

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 26 September 2023

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 25 October 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (40th Report, 2023)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/legislative-consent-memorandums>

Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-36a

Lodged on 14 September 2023

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (57th Report, 2023)

Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill LCM-S6-38

Lodged on 19 July 2023

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 25 October 2023

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (58th Report, 2023)

Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-35a

Lodged on 19 June 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 28 June 2023

Report – Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (13th Report, 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (47th Report, 2023)

Energy Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-26b

Lodged on 21 September 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 4 October 2023

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (13th Report, 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2023)

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

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Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-23a

Lodged on 11 October 2023

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 October 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 October 2023

Northern Ireland Protocol Bill LCM-S6-24

Lodged on 19 August 2022

Meeting of the Parliament, 29 June 2022

Report – Lead committee (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture) (7th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2022)

Online Safety Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-18a

Lodged on 1 June 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 29 June 2023

Report – Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (14th Report, 2023)

Procurement Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-20a

Lodged on 3 February 2023

Meeting of the Parliament, 16 March 2023

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (2nd Report, 2023)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (18th Report, 2023)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 28 October 2023

[Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (30 June 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 29 October 2023

[Carer's Assistance \(Carer Support Payment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (withdrawn and re-laid 14 September 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 5 November 2023

[Disability Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (11 September 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 8 November 2023

[Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#) (14 September 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 13 November 2023

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[Mental Health \(National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service: Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(19 September 2023\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[International Organisations \(Immunities and Privileges\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(19 September 2023\)](#) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2023 \(SI 2023/Draft\) \(19 September 2023\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 2023 \(re-laid on 19 September 2023\)](#) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 14 November 2023

[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(20 September 2023\)](#) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 19 November 2023

[Heat Networks \(Supply Targets\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(25 September 2023\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 22 November 2023

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(28 September 2023\)](#) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 26 November 2023

[Parking Prohibitions \(Enforcement and Accounts\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(2 October 2023\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 1 December 2023

[Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes Order 2023 \(SI 2023/Draft\) \(16 October 2023\)](#) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(18 October 2023\)](#) (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)

[Social Security \(Residence and Presence Requirements\) \(Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Lebanon\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(withdrawn and re-laid on 20 October 2023\)](#) (The Scottish Parliament)

[Plant Health \(Fees\) \(Forestry\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\) \(23 October\)](#) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 25 October 2023
Lead Committee report due by 23 October 2023

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/197\)](#) (27 June 2023) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 29 October 2023
Lead Committee report due by 23 October 2023

[Valuation \(Proposals Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/207\)](#) (19 July 2023) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2023 \(SI 2023/850\)](#) (21 July 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Act of Sederunt \(Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules 1999 and Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules 2019 Amendment\) \(Telecommunications Infrastructure\) 2023 \(SSI 2023/223\)](#) (11 August 2023) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Police Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/239\)](#) (30 August 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/240\)](#) (30 August 2023) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Teachers' Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/241\)](#) (30 August 2023) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Firefighters' Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/242\)](#) (30 August 2023) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/243\)](#) (1 September 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 30 October 2023
Lead Committee report due by 23 October 2023

[National Health Service Pension Schemes \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/246\)](#) (5 September 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 31 October 2023
Lead Committee report due by 30 October 2023

[National Health Service \(General Dental Services\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/247\)](#) (6 September 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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Subject to annulment 2 November 2023
Lead Committee report due by 30 October 2023

[Parking Attendants \(Wearing of Uniforms\) \(North Ayrshire Council\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/248\)](#) (8 September 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(North Ayrshire Council\) Designation Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/249\)](#) (8 September 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 5 November 2023
Lead Committee report due by 30 October 2023

[Local Government Investments \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/255\)](#) (11 September 2023) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/257\)](#) (11 September 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 8 November 2023
Lead Committee report due by 6 November 2023

[Carer's Assistance \(Carer Support Payment\) \(Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/258\)](#) (14 September 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Health and Care Professions Council \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Rules Order of Council 2023 \(SSI 2023/995\)](#) (14 September 2023) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 15 November 2023
Lead Committee report due by 13 November 2023

[Marriage Between Persons of Different Sexes \(Prescribed Bodies\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/266\)](#) (21 September 2023) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in Schools \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/267\)](#) (21 September 2023) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/268\)](#) (21 September 2023) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 26 November 2023
Lead Committee report due by 20 November 2023

[Title Conditions \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Conservation Bodies and Rural Housing Bodies\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/278\)](#) (2 October 2023) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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[Scotland's Guiding Principles on the Environment: Statutory Guidance \(SG/2023/162\)](#) (14 August 2023) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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Committee Reports

The following report was published on 23 October 2023—

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Other Documents

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Children's Hearings Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/249) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Children's Hearings Scotland Impact Report 2022-23 (SG/2023/250) laid under paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

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